

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached herewith are ten (10) replacement drawing sheets. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as not being in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). Applicants, in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated July 1, 2004, submitted a replacement set of drawing sheets (see attached) on November 1, 2004 as evidenced by the USPTO stamped postcard (see attached). Applicants submit that the drawing sheets filed on November 1, 2004 are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). The attached replacement drawing sheets are not believed to add new matter to the original disclosure.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 2, 2007. Claims 1-21, 23-48 and 75-80 are presented for examination. Claim 22 has been canceled, and its recitations incorporated into claims 1 and 75, the independent claims; this action is taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 15, 22-25, 27, 30-35, 39 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicants note, however, the Office Action does not set forth any rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Claim 1, the base claim of claim 22, has been rewritten to include the recitation of allowable claim 22. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Independent claim 75 has been similarly amended. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 75 is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 42, 45-48, and 75-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0171547 to Aram ("the Aram patent").

Claims 5, 9, 14, 18, 19 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Aram patent.

As noted above, independent claims 1 and 75, the only independent claims still pending, have been amended to include the allowable feature of claim 22, that the second end of the cable comprises a thermally fused end. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 75 are clearly patentable over the Aram patent, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the prior art rejections.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this submission, he is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number identified below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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